

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge that formal drawings will be required upon allowance of the case.

There are no other formal matters outstanding.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 29-32 and 34 have been allowed.

Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation that claims 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 33 and 35 have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Therefore, independent claim 15 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 16; claim 18 to include claim 15 and intermediate claim 17; claim 21 to include claim 15 and intermediate claim 20; claim 33 to include claim 15; and claim 35 to include claim 15.

In view of these amendments, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge the fee of \$344 for the four extra independent claims added herewith to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

Application No. 10/088,118  
Amdt. dated June 3, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2004  
Docket No. 2002-1002

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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